RTIP ID# (required) 49160 TCWG Consideration Date June 24, 2008 Project Description (clearly describe project) The project proposes to construct a new half interchange along I-405 at Arbor Vitae Street. Two Alternatives are proposed for the project: Alternative 1 - No Build Alternative 2 – Construct a northbound (NB) off-ramp from and a southbound (SB) on-ramp to I-405; widen the existing 6-lane Arbor Vitae Street overcrossing (OC) to 8 lanes; Reconstruct the existing NB Century Boulevard on-ramp crossover (tunnel) to provide room for the new NB Arbor Vitae off-ramp. **Type of Project** (use Table 1 on instruction sheet) New Interchange County Narrative Location/Route & Postmiles Los Angeles Construct south half interchange @ Arbor Vitae on I-405, LA-405-PM 22.2/23.4 Caltrans Projects – EA# 49160 Lead Agency: Caltrans **Contact Person** Phone# Fax# **Email** Andrew Yoon 213-897-6117 213-897-1634 Andrew Yoon@dot.ca.gov Hot Spot Pollutant of Concern (check one or both) PM2.5 X **PM10 X** Federal Action for which Project-Level PM Conformity is Needed (check appropriate box) PS&E or Categorical **FONSI** or EA or Exclusion Χ Construc Other **Draft EIS Final EIS** (NEPA) tion Scheduled Date of Federal Action: July 14, 2009 NEPA Delegation - Project Type (check appropriate box) **Section 6004 -**Section 6005 - Non-Exempt Χ **Categorical Exemption Categorical Exemption Current Programming Dates** (as appropriate) PE/Environmental **ENG ROW** CON Start May 97 Aug. 09 Aug. 09 March 12 July 09 End Aug 11 May 11 March 14

Project Purpose and Need (Summary): (attach additional sheets as necessary)

With the proposed project limits already exasperated by heavy congestion during weekday morning, midday and evening peak hours, as well as on weekends, the purpose of this project is to decrease congestion on the freeway mainline, collector-distributors, and local interchanges.

A total of 628 accidents occurred within the project limits during the recent three-year period. Rear-end and sideswipe accidents accounted for 75% of the accidents. These types of accidents are generally associated with congestion or stop-and-go conditions. By adding this interchange, the congestion levels are expected to decrease – resulting in the existing surrounding facilities benefiting from the redistribution of traffic.

The Arbor Vitae Street Interchange will also provide direct access to many current origins and destinations, such as Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), rental car companies, Parking Lot C, future passenger terminals, University of West Los Angeles, Hollywood Park Race Track/Casino, Great Western Forum and Centinela Hospital.

Surrounding Land Use/Traffic Generators (especially effect on diesel traffic)

The project is surrounded by one and two-story detached residences as well as approximately twelve multi-residential properties located east of the proposed Arbor Vitae Street (south half) interchange. The closest residences are located within 65-85 feet of the I-405 shoulder. The project is also surrounded by approximately nine improved commercial businesses and one commercial parking lot. The closest school to the project site is approximately 450 feet north of the project limit. The nearest hospital is approximately 1.2 miles east of the project's east limit. The Ashwood Park area, which consists of outdoor recreational facilities, is located approximately a mile north of the project's north limit. The project does not anticipate generating additional diesel truck traffic but rather redistributing truck traffic within the project limits.

Opening Year: Build and No Build LOS, AADT, % and # trucks, truck AADT of proposed facility

Opening Year 2014:

Description	No-build		Build (Alternative 2)	
	ADT	% Trucks/Truck ADT	ADT	% Trucks/Truck ADT
NB off-ramp from Century Blvd.	17,281	4/692	15,169	4/607
NB on-ramp from Century Blvd.	12,251	4/490	11,981	4/480
NB on-ramp from SB Century Blvd.	6,782	4/272	6,656	4/267
NB off-ramp to Manchester Blvd.	19,140	4/757	15,068	4/603
NB on-ramp from EB Manchester Blvd.	6,672	4/267	6,526	4/261
NB on-ramp from WB Manchester Blvd.	10,937	4/438	10,708	4/429
SB on-ramp from La Cienega Blvd.	25,922	4/1,037	25,366	4/1,015
SB on-ramp from La Cienega Blvd/Olive Ave.	16,516	4/661	11,975	4/479
SB off-ramp to WB Century Blvd.	16,188	4/648	15,433	4/618
SB on-ramp from WB Century Blvd.	5,141	4/206	3,721	4/149
SB off-ramp to EB Century Blvd.	4,485	4/180	4,299	4/172
SB on-ramp from EB Century Blvd.	10,828	4/434	7,848	4/314
SB on-ramp from Arbor Vitae St.	0	NA	8,376	4/335
NB off-ramp to Arbor Vitae St.	0	NA	8,943	4/358

RTP Horizon Year / Design Year: Build and No Build LOS, AADT, % and # trucks, truck AADT of proposed facility

Horizon Year 2035:

Description	No-build		Build (Alternative 2)	
	ADT	% Trucks/Truck ADT	ADT	% Trucks/Truck ADT
NB off-ramp from Century Blvd.	21,297	4/852	13,090	4/524
NB on-ramp from Century Blvd.	15,099	4/604	13,862	4/555
NB on-ramp from SB Century Blvd.	8,359	4/335	7,767	4/311
NB off-ramp to Manchester Blvd.	23,588	4/944	8,072	4/323
NB on-ramp from EB Manchester Blvd.	8,223	4/329	7,553	4/303
NB on-ramp from WB Manchester Blvd.	13,479	4/540	12,418	4/497
SB on-ramp from La Cienega Blvd.	31,947	4/1,278	29,385	4/1,176
SB on-ramp from La Cienega Blvd/Olive Ave.	20,355	4/814	8,155	4/327
SB off-ramp to WB Century Blvd.	19,950	4/798	16,714	4/669
SB on-ramp from WB Century Blvd.	6,336	4/254	3,659	4/147
SB off-ramp to EB Century Blvd.	5,528	4/222	4,727	4/190
SB on-ramp from EB Century Blvd.	13,345	4/534	5,399	4/216
SB on-ramp from Arbor Vitae St.	0	NA	20,097	4/804
NB off-ramp to Arbor Vitae St.	0	NA	21,017	4/841

Opening Year: If facility is an interchange(s) or intersection(s), Build and No Build cross-street AADT, % and # trucks, truck AADT

Opening Year 2014:

Description	No-build		Build (Alternative 2)	
	ADT	% Trucks/Truck ADT	ADT	% Trucks/Truck ADT
SB Rte 405 (n/o Jct. Rte 105)	169,155	4/6,767	169,155	4/6,767
NB Rte 405 (n/o Jct. Rte 105)	169,155	4/6,767	169,155	4/6,767
SB Rte 405 (n/o Century Blvd)	166,479	4/6,660	166,479	4/6,660
NB Rte 405 (n/o Century Blvd)	166,479	4/6,660	166,479	4/6,660

RTP Horizon Year / Design Year: If facility is an interchange (s) or intersection(s), Build and No Build crossstreet AADT, % and # trucks, truck AADT

Horizon Year 2035:

Description -	No-build		Build (Alternative 2)	
	ADT	% Trucks/Truck ADT	ADT	% Trucks/Truck ADT
SB Rte 405 (n/o Jct. Rte 105)	196,083	4/7,844	196,083	4/7,844
NB Rte 405 (n/o Jct. Rte 105)	196,083	4/7,844	196,083	4/7,844
SB Rte 405 (n/o Century Blvd)	192,979	4/7,720	192,979	4/7,720
NB Rte 405 (n/o Century Blvd)	192,979	4/7,720	192,979	4/7,720

Describe potential traffic redistribution effects of congestion relief (impact on other facilities)

The proposed project was initiated to alleviate congestions on this segment as well as providing direct access to many current origins and destinations (*i.e.* LAX, Hollywood Park Race Track/Casino, etc.). The new interchange project is anticipated to relieve congestions at the existing adjacent interchanges (i.e. Century Blvd., Manchester Blvd., and La Cienega Blvd.), and thus should decrease the number of accidents and reduce travel time on the freeway and adjacent local streets. The new half interchange at Arbor Vitae Street is projected to help redistribute the traffic from the surrounding existing interchanges (i.e. Century Blvd., Manchester Blvd., and La Cienega Blvd.); and no new additional trips will be generated while there will be an increase in traffic along and within the new Arbor Vitae interchange.

Comments/Explanation/Details (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Based on the traffic data for the on/off ramps, the proposed project would not qualify as a project of air quality concern (POAQC) because the Build Alternative does not involve a significant number of or a significant increase in diesel trucks when compared to the No-Build in the opening and horizon years. The project is proposed to help alleviate traffic congestions along the mainline and local arterials as well as help redistribute the existing and forecast traffic from the adjacent interchanges. Thus, the proposed project would not worsen the existing violations or delay timely attainment; and thus would not be considered as a POAQC.

